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IT is for general satisfaction, and to pre-
 vent Misreports (which are commonly
 through ignorance or malice be-
 gotten upon occasions of this na-
 ture) that this present *Narrative* is printed. And
 to the end that it may be rendred distinctly and
 intelligibly (the matter bearing it very well on
 our side,) it shal begin with the first appearance

of the Dutch Fleet, on our Coast; brought thicker rather (in all probability) in expectation of finding Ours in disorder upon the preceding foul weather, and drawn by the report of our unreadiness, then from their own innate valour, though the report of the story shews they had sufficient of that to accompany them in this great undertaking.

Upon their first appearance, which was on June 2d at 2 of the clock, it cost his Royall Highness but little time to make ready; his foregoing care, and the cheerfulness of our men, having prevented all hazard of disorder; And the happy arrival of the Colliers Fleet at that instant, having supplied the onely want we had, of Men: Which the Dutch Fleet no sooner perceived, but they stood off to sea again, keeping the wind of us, sometimes standing again, to see whether indeed We durst follow them, keeping themselves in good order. Their number was then judged to be 110 Sail, and 10 Fire-ships. The first good Omen that shew'd it self on Our side, was the fixing a great Ship of theirs that Evening, when believed to be one of their Flag Ships, which we since have learned was a great Fire-ship so disguised to do the more mischief.

June 2d. We followed them till night; and
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endeavoured by several Tacks to get the Windward quarter, vwhich his Royal Highnes happily effected, being not full two leagues further into the sea then we ywere the Evening before; vwhich being gained, they bore up towvards us, and gave the first Broad side at Sunrising Saturday, But finding they could not get from us, they bore up to Vice Admiral Monro, and gave him a broadside, who received them accordingly; and so their whole Fleet passed by ours, Airing at every ship as they went, and receiving returns from them, not one of either side being out of play at this first encounter. Immediately upon which, his Royal Highnes made his signe for the tacking, that we might still keep the wind of them, which was happily executed, notwithstanding that the enemy also strove for it. In the second pass, the Swifftyme bore the first brunt, which was performed on both sides as the former. In the third (wherein we also kept the wind) Prince Rupert, and Captain Monro led the way, but the Enemy endeavouring to get the head of our whole Fleet, we engaged in a line, and as we bore towards them, they still bore off, yet steering the same Course, so that it was not then a fight of boord and boord, But offending one another with great shot, we being at too great a distance to make

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make use of our small ; which way of fighting
seeming tedious to us, about one of the Clock
we passed so near abou the middle of them,
that we devided their Fleet. About three
of the Clock Opdam's Ship was blown up ; as we
suppose by a lucky shot in the powder-room,
which amazed Their whole Fleet, as it encou-
raged Ours, so we fell in Pell-mell, with them.
After which, it will be hard, till stories are well
composed, to give a particular account of what
happned : Upon the vvhole matter, God hath
been pleased to give his Majestie a great and
signal Victory, the enemy being driven into the
Texel as far as the draught of water and the
condition of our ships vwould permit, the day
being also very far spent : the summe of all
is, the enemies vwhole Fleet is defeated ; the
greatest part of them gone into the Texel, o-
thers into the Maes ; about 30 of them burnt or
taken. Opdam vwith his ship, blown up ; Tromp
and Cortenar, Skram and Stellingwerffe, all their
Admirals but John Evertson killed ; vwith ma-
ny more of their principal Officers, and accord-
ing to their general computation neare 8000.
Seamen and Souldiers ; on our side only one single
Ship, (the *Charity*) lost, Sir John Lawson received
a slighte hurt in his khee, the Lord of Marle-
borough, The Lord of Portland, Captain Abel-

ton of the Guiny, Captain Kirby of the Breda, and Rear Admiral Sanson, were slain; Also the Lord of Falmouth, the Lord of Muskery and Mr. Boyle which three last were killed by one unhappy shot on board his Royal Highness, and close to his ovn person: God of Heaven be praised for having preserved him to be the great Instrument of so signal a success, to the honour of His Majesty; and the good of his people.

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